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SUBJECT: U.S./ ISRAEL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WAS GIVEN TO DIRGEN AGMON, MINFIN AND TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL ALON, MFA, IN MEETING AT FINMIN ON JAN 29. THEY HAD JUST RECEIVED REPORT FROM ISRAELI EMBASSY, WASHINGTON SAME SUBJECT.

2. AGMON SAID THAT GOI WANTED MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN FEBRUARY BUT THERE WOULD NOT NOW BE TIME TO KEEP FEB 3-4 DATE. TAKING ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY SIMON'S SCHEDULE, MINISTER RABINOWITZ WISHED TO PROPOSE FEB 27-28. EARLIER WOULD BE DIFFICULT SINCE RABINOWITZ IS SCHEDULED TO PRESENT BUDGET TO KNESSET ON FEB 24.

3. TURNING TO SUBSTANCE, AGMON NOTED THAT U.S. MESSAGE DID NOT MENTION SEVERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ISRAEL, PARTICULARLY PRIVATE BUSINESS COUNCIL, ARAB BOYCOTT, FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM FOR FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED MEASURES AND JOINT STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED AT MEETING. HE SAID THAT ISRAELIS WILL WANT TO DISCUSS THESE ITEMS AND TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON BSF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ISRAELI EMBASSY, HE SAID, WILL BEGIN THIS PROCESS NEXT WEEK IN WASHINGTON AND, IF NECESSARY, SPECIAL TEAM CAN BE SENT FROM
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ISRAEL TO "COMPLETE PREPARATIONS" FOR COMMITTEE MEETING.

AGMON REFERRED TO DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT GIVEN TO TREASURY OFFICIALS IN NOVEMBER AND SAID THAT GOI VERY MUCH WANTS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON IT OR SIMILAR DOCUMENT BEFORE COMMITTEE MEETING TAKES PLACE.

4. ISRAELI TAX EXPERTS WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON BY END OF NEXT WEEK TO WORK OUT FINAL DETAILS ON TAX TREATY.

5. COMMENT: ISRAELI OFFICIALS APPEAR TO BE REASONABLY CONTENT ABOUT PROGRESS REFLECTED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS HERE THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY STRIVE TO ATTAIN FURTHER MOVEMENT ON VARIOUS ISRAELI REQUESTS ESPECIALLY ITEMS CITED PARA 3 ABOVE. NEVERTHELESS, IN OUR VIEW THEY WILL BE WILLING TO ACCEPT PACKAGE ESSENTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN REFTEL. AGMON DEPLORED RECENT ARTICLES IN PRESS (LATEST ON NOV 29 AND 40 FROM WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS OF ISRAELI PAPERS) ALLEGING U.S. FOOT-DRAGGING ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE SAID THAT GOI IS MAKING SPECIAL EFFORT TO RESTRAIN PRESS ON THIS SUBJECT. MFA IS AWARE THAT MESSAGE IN REFTEL CONSTITUTES RESPONSE PROMISED ALLON BY SECRETARY. VELIOTES

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